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SUBJECT: Annual Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Update 2011

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This annually recurring change request announces the update to the Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2011

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2011

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
R	17 / 80.4.1 / Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee

III. FUNDING:

For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and/or Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Manual Instruction

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The Medicare Modernization Act section 303(e)(1) added section 1842(o)(5)(C) of the Social Security Act which requires that a furnishing fee will be paid for items and services associated with clotting factor.

B. Policy: The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) includes the clotting factor furnishing fee in the published national payment limits for clotting factor billing codes. When the national payment limit for a clotting factor is not included on the Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File or the Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) Pricing File, the contractor must make payment for the clotting factor as well as make payment for the furnishing fee.

For 2011, the clotting factor furnishing fee of \$0.176 per unit is included in the published payment limit for clotting factors and shall be added to the payment for a clotting factor when no payment limit for the clotting factor is published either on the ASP or NOC drug pricing files.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I M A C	C A R I E R	R H I I S S	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER	
		F	M	V	C							
7168.1	Contractors shall make separate payment for the clotting factor furnishing fee when separate payment for the clotting factor is allowed and the payment limit for the clotting factor is not included on the ASP or NOC files.	X		X	X	X						
7168.2	For dates of service January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011, the clotting factor furnishing fee of \$0.176 per unit is added to the payment limit for the clotting factor.	X		X	X	X						

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I 	C A R R I E R	R H I 	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
7168.3	<p>A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv.</p> <p>Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.</p>	X		X	X	X					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: for any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below: N/A

Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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VI. FUNDING

Section A: For *Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Carriers, and Regional Home Health Carriers (RHHs):*

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Section B: For *Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):*

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80.4.1 – Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee

(Rev.2068, Issued: 10-15-10, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 01-03-11)

The Medicare Modernization Act section 303(e)(1) added section 1842(o)(5)(C) of the Social Security Act which requires that, beginning January 1, 2005, a furnishing fee will be paid for items and services associated with clotting factor.

Beginning January 1, 2005, a clotting factor furnishing fee is separately payable to entities that furnish clotting factor unless the costs associated with furnishing the clotting factor is paid through another payment system.

The clotting factor furnishing fee is updated each calendar year based on the percentage increase in the consumer price index (CPI) for medical care for the 12-month period ending with June of the previous year. The clotting factor furnishing fees applicable for dates of service in each calendar year (CY) are listed below:

CY 2005 - \$0.140 per unit

CY 2006 - \$0.146 per unit

CY 2007 - \$0.152 per unit

CY 2008 - \$0.158 per unit

CY 2009 - \$0.164 per unit

CY 2010 - \$0.170 per unit

CY 2011 - \$0.176 per unit

Annual updates to the clotting factor furnishing fee are subsequently communicated by a Recurring Update Notification.

CMS includes this clotting factor furnishing fee in the nationally published payment limit for clotting factor billing codes. When the clotting factor is not included on the Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File or Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) Pricing File, the contractor must make payment for the clotting factor as well as make payment for the furnishing fee.